Sl. No.	States/Uts	%age of population covered by LPG as on 1.7.2004
18.	Meghalaya	18.46
19.	Mizoram	93.24
20.	Nagaland	28.15
21.	Orissa	16.52
22.	Punjab	84.25
23.	Rajasthan	31.12
24.	Sikkim	81.85
25.	Tamil Nadu	63.87
26.	Tripura	32.31
27.	Uttar Pradesh	26.42
28.	Uttaranchal	81.12
29.	West Bengal	28.06
	Union Territories	
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	56.44
2.	Chandigarh	100.00
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	55.69
4.	Daman & Diu	92.12
5.	Lakshadweep	25.26
6.	Pondicherry	100.00
	ALL INDIA TOTAL	42.27

Note: It is assumed that there are 5.5 persons per family. Accordingly, the number of LPG (domestic) customers has been multiplied by 5.5 to arrive at the population presumed to be covered by LPG. There may, however, be families without an LPG connection even in States/Uts having a theoretical coverage of 100%.

Realisation of Tax on Sale of Petrol and Diesel

†2204. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of diesel and petrol have increased twice during the last two months in the country;

(b) if not, the details thereof and the rates of diesel and petrol in the metros, at present;

(c) whether it is also a fact that by selling diesel and petrol on the above rates, Government are realizing nearly 50 percent of the amount as tax from the consumers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount of tax being realized by Government on diesel and petrol?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR).: (a) and (b) In view of the increase in international prices, the selling prices of Petrol and Diesel were increased *w.e.f.* 16.6.2004 and 1.8.2004. With a view to modulating the impact of high international prices on the domestic consumer prices of petrol and diesel, a price band mechanism has been put in operation effective 1.8.2004, as per which oil companies can effect price revisions only within a prescribed price band. At present, the retail selling prices (RSPs) of petrol and diesel in the four metros are as follows:

(in Rs./litre)

Product	Delhi	Kolkata	Mumbai	Chennai
Petrol	36.81	39.82	42.12	40.14
Diesel	24.16	26.51	30.30	26.13

(c) and (d) At present, the excise duty on petrol is @23%+Rs. 7.50/- litre and an education cess @ 2% thereupon. Similarly, the excise duty on diesel is @8% + Rs. 1.50/litre and an education cess @2% thereupon. The proportion of excise duty revenue per litre of the RSPs at Delhi of petrol and diesel is around 32% and 12% respectively. In addition, the proportion of sales tax revenue per litre of the RSPs is 16% for petrol and 11% for diesel.

AI's subsidiary for ground handling operations

†2205. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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